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ong specific observations made by the Government in response to the committee's recommendations are those concerned with:

Police work in schools

The Government accepts the recommendation that the Home Office and the Department of Education and Science should hold discussions between themselves, and with appropriate bodies, including the police, to encourage and expand police work in schools and among teachers in training.

Training

Copies of the ^{Home Office} Working Party report on Police Training in Race Relations have been sent to chief officers of police ^{with a letter} endorsing the recommendations. The report's recommendations were also taken into account by another Working Party on Police Probationer Training in framing its proposals for training probationers both in Home Office training centres and in forces. The Home Office ~~xxxxxx~~ is taking steps to ensure that these proposals, which have been agreed by the Police Training Council, are implemented according to the needs of the individual force.

Police Visits to Immigrants' Countries of Origin

Police officers will continue to be encouraged to apply for awards for visits to these countries. Inevitably only a minority of officers can take part in visit and exchange schemes but, if necessary, assistance from public funds will certainly be considered.

Recruitment of Coloured Police

The Government readily accept the recommendation that the Home Office should study again the ^{question of} recruitment of coloured police officers. At the end of August 1973 there were 65 coloured police officers serving in England and Wales - an increase of 24 over the figures given when the Select Committee's report was prepared. The Government welcomes this small, though marked, increase and would welcome larger increases in future years.

Recruiting of Special Constables

A Home Office circular has asked police authorities and chief constables to bear in mind the committee's recommendation that any recruiting campaign for special constables should include an appeal to coloured people. When ^{new} posters and recruiting leaflets are designed, ^{take account of} by the Home Office it will have regard to the recommendation.

Recruitment of Traffic Wardens Outside London

Recruitment of traffic wardens outside the Metropolitan Police District is a matter for police authorities and the committee's views will be conveyed to them. The considerations and problems involved in the recruitment of traffic wardens differ in many respects from those arising on police recruitment and it is doubtful whether recruitment of traffic wardens can usefully be included in the study recommended by the committee. But if any matters relevant arise in the study they will be passed on to those concerned in recruitment.

Special Allowance for Proficiency in Asian Languages

The Police Council have been asked for their views. The Government will bring to the attention of chief officers of police a further recommendation that all police forces whose members are likely to have contact with Asians should provide for all their officers to learn a few simple Hindi/Urdu words.

Pamphlets in English and Asian

The Government will invite all chief officers of police to consider issuing such pamphlets about the police role and functions, as some forces already do. A draft pamphlet was issued by the Home Office in 1971.

Complaints Against the Police

The Government will make available leaflets in appropriate languages giving information about making complaints against the police and the rights of citizens on arrest, or at a police station. On the same subject the Government points out that consultations are in progress with the police representative bodies about the possible introduction of an independent element into the arrangements for dealing with complaints against the police. It has already been suggested to chief officers of police that in appropriate cases a senior police officer might see the complainant ~~and explain~~ to discuss the results of his complaint.

The Home Office is today ^{sending} out a circular to police authorities and chief officers of police ~~inviting them to take appropriate action~~ drawing their attention to the Government's observations on the Select Committee's report, along with copies of the White Paper.